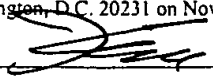


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITH AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed September 13, 2001, time for response to which was set to expire October 13, 2001. Accordingly, a Petition for a one month extension of time is included herewith. This Response is thus believed to be timely filed..

In the previous Response filed May 29, 2001, Applicants attempted to provide assist the Examiner with an election of a structure with which a meaningful search and examination may proceed. In the Office Action mailed September 13, 2001, the Examiner has expressly indicated a requirement for an election of the structure of a specific single compound. Applicants thus comply with the following amendment and remarks.